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In re application of

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For:        DEVICE FOR THE COLLECTION, TESTING, AND  
SHIPMENT OF BODY FLUID SAMPLES, the specification  
of which is attached hereto

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING  
NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL UNDER 37 CFR (1.60(b))

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Please amend the subject application which is a division of U.S. Patent  
Application No. 08/981,665 filed November 5, 1997 as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-4 and 6-15 without prejudice or disclaimer of the  
subject matter therein.

Please add the following new claims:

16.    A process for testing for a drug of abuse comprising the steps of  
collecting a fluid sample to be tested in a container having an open top,

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providing a drug of abuse immunoassay test card having one or more immunoassay test strips each having thereon immunoassay means to visually indicate presence or absence of a selected drug of abuse disposed longitudinally side-by-side in parallel between front and rear surfaces of a thin flat member, each of said one or more test strips having a bottom and defining a sample receiving portion and further having a test portion spaced longitudinally therefrom, the thin flat member having a plurality of openings therein to register with and expose each of the sample receiving and test portions of each of said one or more test strips, positioning the test card longitudinally into the container and contacting the fluid sample with the sample receiving portion of the one or more test strips, moving the fluid sample within a test strip by capillary action to the test portion, and indicating at the test portion the presence or absence of the selected drug of abuse.

17. A process for testing a drug of abuse as claimed in claim 16 wherein the plurality of openings is in the front surface of the thin flat member.

18. A process for testing for a drug of abuse as claimed in claim 16 and inserting the test card longitudinally into the open top of the container.

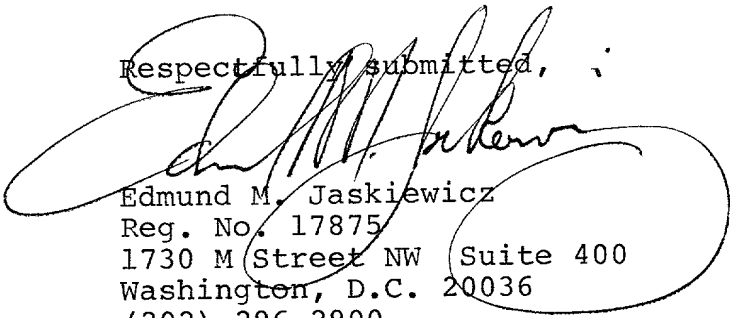
19. A process for testing for a drug of abuse as claimed in claim 17 in which the plurality of openings comprises pairs of openings and each pair corresponds to a test strip

20. A process for testing for a drug of abuse as claimed in claim 19 in which the fluid sample contacts the sample receiving portion through one opening of a pair and indicates the presence or absence of a selected drug of abuse through another opening of the same pair.

REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment which accompanies a division application be entered by the Examiner prior to acting upon the merits of the case.

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